

# The Barnesville Lantern

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

### The Pastor's Spotlight

"Beloved, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God" (III John 5-6).

I am so proud to be the pastor of Barnesville Baptist. You God's people have been faithful in giving of your love, time, money, and most importantly your prayers. We as a church body have been able to meet so many of our own members' needs and at the same time we have been reaching out to the community in mighty ways with our outreach programs. God has provided in so many ways to reach the lost hurting people all around us, including some of our own church family members.

We celebrated a new life in Jesus in a baptism service on May 20 who came to Jesus through one of God's outreach programs right here at BBC. I just want to say thank you Almighty God for allowing us the privilege of sharing the great news of the gospel of Your Son Jesus. BBC, you have been faithful to God by volunteering and supporting these outreach programs and lost hurting people are coming to know Jesus because of it. Again, to God be the glory, great things He has done.

As we continue to reach out in the name of Jesus, let's not get wearied or overburdened, for as God leads so will BBC follow. Thank you all for being faithful to God and following your heart as the Holy Spirit leads us in the future. There are many more lost and hurting people around us that need to see and hear the great news of the Gospel, so BBC let's pray together that God will guide us and provide for us as we keep sharing His love in many different ways. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:9-10).

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God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## **Upcoming Events**

June 3 Sunday School Picnic at Black Hill Regional Park

June 6 Business Meeting

June 14 Flag Day

June 17 Father's Day

June 23 Baptist Men's Meeting

June 25 Deacons' Meeting

June 27 July Business Meeting



"...beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me!'
And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught
him, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you
doubt" (Matthew 14:30-31)?

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

John 3:16 is one of--if not the--most popular and well-known Bible verses, giving the core Gospel message in just one sentence. What makes it such a powerful and important verse is that each word shows how great God and His offer of salvation through His Son are:

**"For God"** The Lord is the greatest source of love. It is God's nature to love. His mercy and kindness are lavish and unlimited. "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." (I John 4:16).

**"so loved"** God loves us to the greatest degree possible. God's love for the lost is intense and infinite. "...Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you"... (Jeremiah 31:3).

"the world" God loves the greatest number--everyone. There is no one that God does not love. "It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory" (Isaiah 66:18).

"that He gave" God's generosity is the greatest act of giving. No one can outgive God. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation" (Psalm 68:18)!

"His only begotten Son" The Father gave us His one and only Son, the greatest and most valuable gift possible. "Then a voice came from heaven, 'You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

"that whosoever" The Lord's offer of salvation is the greatest invitation, freely offered to all. "...whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Joel 2:32).

**"believes"** That we merely trust in God to receive salvation is the greatest simplicity. There are no complicated rules to follow or tests to pass. "And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:6).

**"in Him"** Jesus Christ is the greatest Person ever--fully God and fully Man. He is Savior and Lord. The Father has delivered all things into the Son's hands. "...God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name..." (Philippians 2:9).

"shall not perish" God's salvation is the greatest deliverance. We don't just avoid punishment from sin, death, and hell, we will enjoy eternal blessings and life. "...I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments" (Exodus 6:6). "but" The contrast between enjoying God's grace and not having it is greatest difference ever; it is the difference between life and death. "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, 'With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

**"have"** Assurance of salvation is the greatest certainty we can have. Nothing can separate us from God's love or undo His promises. *"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life"* (*I John 5:12*).

"everlasting life". Eternal life is the greatest possession we can ever have; it is of the highest value and we will never lose it. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6).

#### **Prayers in the Bible Scramble**

Can you match each of these people with who or what they were praying for? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

1.	Abraham	A.	sun would delay setting
2.	apostles	В.	boldness in witnessing

3. Daniel C. Jesus' return
4. David D. Timothy's mi

4. David5. disciplesD. Timothy's ministryE. Jesus to save him from drowning

Hannah F. forgiveness for pride

Hezekiah G. have a son

Jabez H. one drop of water in hell

Jacob I. extended life

10. Jerusalem J. deliverance from Esau's wrath

Church K. interpretation of dream

11. Job12. John13. L. deliverance of Sodom's people14. M. Red Sea's waters would part

13. Joshua N. strength to defeat Philistines

14. Mary & Martha15. MosesO. Lazarus' healthP. prosperity

16. Paul Q. receive wisdom

17. Peter R. forgiveness for numbering people

18. rich man
S. Peter's freedom from prison
19. Samson
T. replacement for Judas Iscariot

20. Solomon

9.

### **Prayers in the Bible Word Search**

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Word Bank: boldness, child, deliverance, escape, exodus, forgiveness, freedom, health, interpretation, life, ministry, pardon, prosperity, relief, replacement, safety, second coming, strength, time, wisdom

# **June Birthdays**

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- 7 Amy Rogers
- 8 Lisa Fedders
- 9 David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
- 10 Gary Burdette, Sharon Engle
- 11 Jan Burdette
- 13 Hisle Beach
- 14 Marty Woods
- 16 June Luhn
- 17 Donna Elgin, Matt Yates
- 23 Bill Appleton, June Ivev
- 27 Danny Moore, Sandra Oden
- 29 Elsie Leibrand



Ashlinn Cole Barbara Swank, recovering from surgery Joe & Mary Yates Kitty Cooley, recovering from surgery Linda Roberts, recovering from surgery Nick Cole

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D. Seniors: Gene & Patty Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, Jo Blalock, June Luhn, Arlene Luhn, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Rebecca Umstead, Vivian Neal, Amy Rogers' mother, June (Cole) Houseknecht

Cancer patients: Pauline Fowler, Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Donald Jericho, Dorothy Tubbe, Gail Palestine, Phil Brudner, Presley Musser, Charlie Driver, Cathy Rockenhauser

Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala) and Matt & Ellen Zell (Honduras)



"The LORD is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.
He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them"
(Psalm 145:17-19).



Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:

- The Church approved a motion to commemorate a late church member recommended by the Pastor and Deacons with an engraved nameplate on a multiname plaque in recognition of the gifts given in her memory.
- The Education Cmte. motion to purchase a moon bounce not to exceed \$1,300 was adopted.

*Expected at the June Business Meeting:* 

- A motion will be offered to transfer \$1,600 from the Outreach Cmte.'s Missions Support BLI to the Internal Administration Cmte.'s Official Vehicles BLI.
- The Worship Cmte. will offer a motion to exceed the limit of the Music budget line item by \$1,315 for the purpose of accepting the quote from Malmark Bellcraftsmen of Plumsteadville, PA to refurbish the church's hand bell set, not to exceed \$1,315.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will move to adopt a by-law to define the procedures for virtual standing committee meetings.
- The Pastor and Deacons will recommend dismissing an inactive member from church membership upon his request.
- A motion to move the July Business meeting to Jun. 27 so as not to conflict with Independence Day will be offered.

#### **Prayers in the Bible Scramble Answers**

1. L (Genesis 18:23-33); 2. T (Acts 1:24-25); 3. K (Daniel 2:18); 4. R (II Samuel 24:10); 5. B (Acts 4:24-30); 6. G (I Samuel 1:9-13); 7. I (II Kings 20:1-3); 8. P (I Chronicles 4:10); 9. J (Genesis 32:9-12); 10. S (Acts 12:5); 11. F (Job 42:3-6); 12. C (Revelation 22:20); 13. A (Joshua 10:12); 14. O (John 11:1-3); 15. M (Exodus 14:21); 16. D (II Timothy 1:3-6); 17. E (Matthew 14:28-31); 18. H (Luke 16:22-31); 19. N (Judges 16:28-31); 20. Q (I Kings 3:5-9).

#### News You Can Use

Vacation Bible School heading our way! The theme for this year's VBS is "Game On!", which will be held Jul. 9-13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Register online for classes from Pre-K to Adults at **barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs**. Vacation Bible



School is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala to

purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children so they can attend school.

Sunday School picnic. On Sunday, Jun. 3, BBC will meet at Black Hill Regional Park's Shelter C at 1:00 pm. The church will provide fried chicken and hot dogs; bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Homeless shelter lunch. On Monday, May 28, BBC members served lunch at the Montgomery County homeless shelter in Rockville. Several BBC men grilled hot dogs and hamburgers outside while others staffed the serving line and passed out drinks and Bibles. Thanks to everyone who prepare a side dish to take to the shelter. BBC provided enough food for



lunch as well as dinner. The men at the shelter were very

appreciative of our efforts.

Seniors' lunches. Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 7. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Jul. 8 and Sunday, Jul. 29, respectively, for the July and August lunch dates.

*Improvements.* The sanctuary and balcony were freshly

painted in mid-May. Other upgrades to give our best for God's house that will be coming soon include new concrete steps and railings by the east Sunday School entrance and new gravel for the main parking lot.



Baptism services. On Sunday, May 20, were blessed to wit-

ness the baptism of our new brother in Christ Rex Schmidt upon his profession of faith in Jesus as his Lord and Savior. BBC has known the men and women of Watkins Cabinet since Sep. 11, 2001. We have enjoyed fellowshipping through monthly lunches with Watkins Cabinet hosted by the



BBC ladies as well as weekly pastoral visits. Most of all, we are glad that for the opportunity to share God's love with Rex and everyone else at Watkins Cabinet.

*Land for sale.* After the service on Sunday, May 27, BBC prayed over the farmland for sale across Barnesville Road, that



we might seek and know God's will for BBC to possibly acquire a small portion of those 105 acres. Continue to pray that if the Lord opens a door for us to expand our ministry across the street, that we would follow Him, and that if He closes the door, that we

would just as willingly seek the path that He does have for us.

#### **COTCD Cartoon**



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